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The Importance Of The Arabic Language
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The Arabic Language was the language of the people of Aad and Thamood, and it was a language spread wide and far in Yemen and Iraq. It reached its heights when it was established in the Hijaaz.

It was then destined to flourish when it became the language of Islam, when the Qur'aan was revealed in this language.

Shaykh-ul-Islam ibn Taymiyyah said:

"...Arabic language is from the religion and knowledge of it is an obligation. Understanding the Qur'aan and the Sunnah is an obligation, and they cannot be understood except by understanding the Arabic language. Whatever it takes to complete an obligation is in itself an obligation." (Iqitidaa Siratul Mustaqeem, 1/470)

Therefore, the Arabic Language has become a necessity for every Muslim so he can perform his duties of worship and is able to recite the Book of Allah which Allah revealed in Arabic Language. Allah Most High said:

**"Verily We revealed it, an Arabic recitation,
so you may comprehend..."** (Al-Qur'aan 12:2)

Allah also said:

"...as such We revealed to you a Qur'aan in Arabic..." (Al-Qur'aan 26:7)

Allah also said:

"...and verily it is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds, the trustworthy spirit revealed it upon your heart so you may be a Warner in a great Arabic tongue." (Al-Qur'aan 26:192-195)

Allah also said:

"A Book in which the verses are explained, an Arabic Qur'an for a people who know well." (Al-Qur'aan 41:3)

So when Arabic language has such a high station and is of great importance as mentioned above. Allah most high has taken the responsibility of preserving it as he took the responsibility to preserve the Qur'aan. Allah said:

"Verily We sent down the reminder (Qur'aan) **and verily We will preserve it."**

It is upon us all to continue the learning and teaching of the Arabic language. May Allah bless all the Muslims with the ability to read, write and speak fluent Arabic language, aameen!

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